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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes, Sir. The dispute has been referred to the Industrial Tribunal, Madurai, for adjudication."

* 1347 *Q.*—SRI V. MADANAGOPAL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representations from the Cigar Workers' Union of Thirumangalam regarding the threatened closure of Poochi Vilas Cigar Factory; and

(*b*) if so, what steps the Government have taken in the matter?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Attention is invited to my answer to Legislative Assembly starred question No. 1346 by Sri M. Kalyanasundaram, M.L.A."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" தொழிற் சங்கத்தில் முறையிட்டிருக்கும் எல்லா கோரிக்கைகளும் அட்ஜூடிகேஷனுக்கு விடப்பட்டிருக்கிறதா, அப்படியானால் என்னென்ன கோரிக்கைகள் ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I can give this information. Two issues were referred for adjudication, viz., whether the workers, who were on rolls on the date of closure of the factory, were entitled to compensation and if so, to what amount of compensation, and whether such workers were entitled to re-employment when the factory re-opened. I may tell the hon. Member that there has been an agreement between the management and the union. Of course, the Tribunal has given an award."

Construction of a bridge over a canal at Cuddalore O.T.

* 1348 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to construct a bridge over the canal at Cuddalore (Old Town) for the convenience of the fishermen living nearby?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The answer is in the negative."

Contribution to the Cochin Physical Culture Association by the Fort Cochin Municipality.

* 1349 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri P. K. Gopalakrishnan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards has refused to sanction the grant of Rs. 200 to the Cochin Physical Culture Association by the Fort Cochin Municipality and included in its budget for the year 1953–54; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

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"(b) As the financial position of the municipal council according to its Budget Estimate for 1953–54 was not satisfactory sanction for the payment of the contribution was refused. The question whether the matter may be reconsidered is under consideration separately in view of the improvement of the financial position of the municipal council according to its Revised Estimate for 1953–54."

Party to the Members of the Taxation Enquiry Commission.

* 1350 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the State Government gave any party to the Members of the Taxation Enquiry Commission on 30th April 1954; and

(b) if so, the expenses incurred thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) Yes.

" (b) An expenditure of Rs. 390–3–6 was incurred."

Number of Harijans on the staff of the Fisheries Department in Malabar.

* 1351 Q.—SRI M. CHADAYAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the number of Harijans in the categories of Inspectors, Sub-Inspectors, Petty Officers and Clerks in the Fisheries Department in Malabar district?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors—Nil.

Petty Yard Officers—3.

Clerks—2."

Change in the rate of discount allowed to stamp vendors in municipal towns.

* 1352 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether any change was made in the rate of discount allowed to stamp vendors in the municipal towns with a population of more than 40,000 or 50,000;

(b) if so, when the change was made;

(c) the loss sustained by the Government now on account of this change; and

(d) whether the change of rate was published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* and if so, when?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) Yes. The rates of discount were reduced from 6 pies to 4 pies per rupee in respect of non-judicial hundi stamps and